

B2 6. (Amended) The transgenic cell of claim 1, which is selected from the group consisting of Creeping Bentgrass, Perennial Ryegrass, Kentucky Bluegrass and Bermudagrass.

B3 8. (Amended) The transgenic cell of claim 1, which grows significantly faster than equivalent untransformed cells on a 0.8% NaCl medium.

9. (Amended) A salt tolerant transgenic plant produced from the transgenic cell of claim 1.

10. (Amended) A transgenic seed produced from the transgenic plant of claim 9.

12. (Amended) The transgenic plant of claim 1, which grows significantly faster than the equivalent untransformed plant under 1.2% NaCl stress.

B4 13. (Amended) The transgenic plant of claim 1, which is also drought tolerant.

14. (Amended) A salt-tolerant transgenic turfgrass plant which expresses a transgene encoding a betaine aldehyde dehydrogenase enzyme.

15. (Amended) The transgenic plant of claim 14 comprising a transgene encoding betaine aldehyde dehydrogenase from a plant.

B5 19. (Amended) The transgenic plant of claim 14, which is selected from the group consisting of Creeping Bentgrass, Perennial Ryegrass, Kentucky Bluegrass and Bermudagrass.

20. (Amended) The transgenic plant of claim 14, which grows significantly faster than the equivalent untransformed plant under 1.2% NaCl stress.

B6 22. (Amended) A transgenic seed produced from the transgenic plant of claim 14.

B7 25. (Amended) The transgenic plant of claim 21, which is selected from the group consisting of Creeping Bentgrass, Perennial Ryegrass, Kentucky Bluegrass and Bermudagrass.